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KING AND KID

The king sat up on his jeweled throne and he heaved a sigh that was like a groan, for his crown was hard, and it bruised his head, and his scepter weighed like a pig of lead; the ladies smirked as they came to beg, the knights were pulling the royal leg. The king exclaimed: "If I had my wish, I would cut this out, and I'd go and fish. For what is pomp to a weary soul that yearns and yearns for the fishing hole; the throne's a bore and the crown a gawd, and I'd swap the lot for a bamboo rod, and a can of worms and a piece of string—but there's no such luck for a poor old king!" And a boy who passed the palace high, to fish for trout in the streamlet night, looked up in awe at the massive walls, and caught a glimpse of the marble halls, and he said to himself: "Oh, hully chee! Wish I was the king and the king was me! To reign all day with your crown on straight is a whole lot better'n diggin' bait, and fishin' round when the fish won't bite, and gettin' licked for your luck at night!"

—WALT MASON.

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EUGENE MONEY MUST START THE ROAD

The railroad from Medford to the sugar pine timber belt to the east of that city is being rapidly completed. In a short time cars will be running to the proposed terminus of the line. This railroad has been built by the enterprise of the Medford people. Originally they put about \$60,000 into this road, built the first section, failed to raise more money and a receiver took charge of the property. Then outside capitalists came along and bought the property in, and in the deal the Medford stockholders were paid back every dollar they put into the railway. Now the road is being finished as originally projected; Medford people have their money back and the railroad as well. It has brought business to the town and helped to make it one of the liveliest cities in the state.

If local people had refused to start this railroad with their own money it would have existed no doubt solely on paper—just like the Roseburg-Coos Bay, the Eugene & Siuslaw and many other lines that have been talked of for the last thirty years—and every movement to build them has ended in talk.

As a matter of fact, the way to build a railroad is to build it. If Eugene people raise \$100,000 or \$150,000 and expend it in building a railroad they are certain to have fifteen or twenty miles of railway that will be worth many times what it cost to the city and to Lane county. If they can do what the promoters have every reason to believe they can do, they will be able to dispose of bonds and complete the road to the Siuslaw and on to Coos Bay. That, in connection with the Harriman line now under construction through Eastern Oregon, will make Eugene in a few years a city as important as Spokane, or any other inland point in the West.

The main point, however, is that we must do something ourselves; we must begin the work now with our own money, instead of waiting another twenty years for outsiders to come in and develop our resources, and gather the dividends that ought to go into the pockets of our own people.

RUSH TO THE WEST

Three or four years ago Mr. Fisher Harris started the slogan: "See Europe if you must, but see America first," says the Salt Lake Telegram.

It was not cordially received in the East at first, and some hypercritical critics answered back: "What have you to offer people?"

In general terms the answer was: "Finer mountains, nobler rivers, more superb scenery, more splendid manifestations of nature than you find elsewhere."

It or something else is bearing fruit. There are many tourists on their way to Yellowstone park, but, from the north, the word that comes down to the railroad company is: "Do not sell any more tickets to Yellowstone; we are crowded to the limit and people are sleeping out of doors." That but emphasizes the fact that never before was there such an exodus to the West as there is this year. And the travelers are not all tourists. No, not half of them are tourists. The census next year will show some astonishing increases in the populations of Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California. The land hunger of the people is insatiable. There is a rushing away from those regions where there are six months winter; where the dependence is on a single crop and where the warfare against the cold, the heat, the frost, the drought and the flood is perpetual. The cry is changing and the motto seems to be now: "Keep your home in the East if you will, but get a home in the West if you can."

An editorial suggestion that applies as well to Eugene as it does to any other place, appeared in a recent issue of the Monitor-Herald. It says: "Are your merchants prepared to meet the competition constantly growing stiffer, of those alluring summer catalogs for the metropolitan department stores? Of course, bargains at home are better, when you consider that in your own shops you get more personal attention and a better chance to return unsatisfactory goods. But the public force this. Trade has to be drummed, and the only efficient drummer is a real live newspaper."

From the present outlook in the Calhoun trial now under

way in San Francisco, that individual is in no immediate danger of having his liberty restricted, but he may die of old age before it is definitely settled whether or not he is guilty of bribing the innocent one-time supervisors of the city and county of the big metropolis at the Golden Gate. Under the present jury system it is indeed extremely difficult to secure a jury to try the case. It has been talked of by everybody for the past three years and no man of ordinary observation and sense can be found who has not expressed an opinion in the matter, one way or another. It seems to an ordinary observer that the San Francisco graft prosecution has become something of a joke.

The Lewiston (Idaho) Teller goes after your Uncle Samuel in this manner: "If the government should stand pat on excluding all lottery literature from the mail, the news reports from the government's own land lottery would exclude every publication in the country, and stop all circulation of newspapers and periodicals. Nothing so notorious as this has ever before been perpetrated in the history of the country. There are many who believe the government is open to censure and that the lands had better been appraised and sold at public auction. This appeal to the gambling spirit is enriching the few at the expense of the many."

President Northrop, of the University of Minnesota, may start some of them to investigating by his assertion that the average college student does not know who Moses was. Naturally they'll look in the sporting record for the information.

Even the baseball umpire will do the worm stunt. One of them—in Connecticut—has sued a player for slander for disputing his decision. Should his example be generally followed, all the fans would have to hike to the tall timber.

Elaborate statements of Republicans in congress of their reasons for voting for the tariff bill seem superfluous. Everybody knows it's a party measure, and that in parties the majority, not the individual, rules.

Doubtless thousands of the more ignorant Mexicans believe that Diaz has pulled off that earthquake as a rebuke to those who dared to speak against his re-election, and Diaz will not deny it.

The way to keep Eugene growing is to keep up the work of improvement. Fine houses, well-kept lawns, paved streets and good public buildings attract the homeseekers and investors.

If every man with an "exaggerated ego" is crazy, the country should lose no time in getting busy building new bug houses and enlarging all the old ones—they'll be needed.

Experience is constantly teaching the most of us that every day honesty, without any ifs, ands or buts, isn't as common as it ought to be.

Wonder if it wasn't Rockefeller's press agent who started this yarn about kerosene oil being a sure cure for snake bite?

SAW WIFE IN MOVING

PICTURES; WANTS DIVORCE

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 6.—Frank W. Shire went to a five-cent theatre in Seattle. One of the moving pictures was San Francisco at fleet time. The sailor boys were marching down market street, while a crowd packed the sidewalks. Here's the story he tells in a divorce complaint filed in the superior court today:

Shaw saw two familiar faces near the curb. One was his wife, supposed to be visiting her sister in Spokane. The other was a man who had roomed at the Shire home.

Three weeks after Mrs. Shire returned home. She was supposed to be in Spokane, but was in San Francisco. He waited but she came not. Suit for divorce followed this morning.

CHICKENS HAVE

APPENDICITIS

Lake Labish, Or., Aug. 6.—An epidemic of appendicitis has broken out among the fowls in this vicinity, according to the verdict rendered by several poultrymen after performing post mortem examinations on the bodies of chickens carried away by the malady. A few surgical operations were performed, which seemed to increase the death rate in every case, and poultrymen are now merely awaiting the close of the thrashing season, as it is believed the fowls have eaten too freely of the standing grain.

WILLIAMS' CARBOLIC SALVE

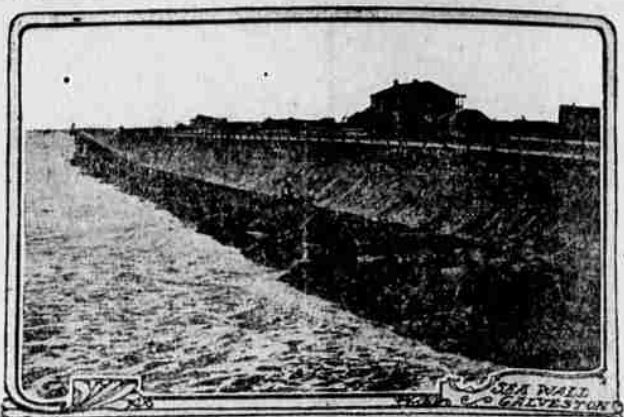
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GALVESTON BEACH AND SEA WALL THAT SAVED CITY.

The great sea wall at Galveston paid for itself in the saving of life and property in the hurricane that swept over the gulf recently. But for the presence of the wall the catastrophe of nine years ago might have been repeated. Piers and shipping suffered heavily and unprotected parts of the island were flooded, but there was little damage within the city proper.

THE COMING WEEK DAY BY DAY

New York, Aug. 7.—Among the important events definitely scheduled for the coming week are the following:

Sunday.
American Federation of Catholic Societies will begin eighth annual convention in Pittsburgh.

Monday.
Forty-third annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will open in Salt Lake City and continue through the week.

Seventeenth annual session of the National Irrigation Congress will convene in Spokane, Wash., and remain six days.

Drawing for land in the Flathead, Coeur d'Alene and Spokane reservations will begin at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Charged with embezzlement, James Treadwell, former director of a San Francisco bank, will be placed on trial.

Department of Agriculture will issue report on condition of wheat, oats, corn, potatoes and other crops. M. Bleriot, the French aviator, will be presented with the Wyndham gold cup at a dinner in his honor at the Aeroplane Club, London.

Tuesday.
National Sheriffs' Association will begin three days' session in Seattle.

Army of the Philippines will open national reunion in Pittsburgh. King Edward and Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria contemplate a meeting at Ischl.

Wednesday.
Washington state legislature will reconvene as a court of impeachment to try J. H. Skively, state insurance commissioner, charged with extortion, perjury and neglect of duty.

Thursday.

Alexis, czarvitch of Russia, will be five years of age and the anniversary will be widely celebrated in the Czar's dominions.

Friday.
National track and field outdoor championships of the Amateur Athletic Union begins at Seattle.

BIDS WANTED

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the school clerk, W. C. Seavey, at his residence on Springfield R. F. D. at Donna, up to 6 p. m. on August 9th, 1909, for the construction of a one-story two room schoolhouse in School District No. 144. Plans and specifications may be seen at the residence of the school clerk. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for five per cent of the total amount bid. The directors reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

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